

## LILLIAN DOESN'T WABBLE.

*A COMIC OPERA QUEEN HYPONOTIZES HER BICYCLE.*

**Miss Russell Voices Knickerbockers and Bloomers—Three Generations A-Wheel—Beginners Must Learn Back Pedalling.**

Having smashed masculine hearts, hypnotized managers, charmed obtuse critics, and awed vast audiences, sumptuous Lillian Russell has subjugated the same time refractory wheel.

To the velveteen prima donna the saddle of a bicycle is but a new throne, taking the place of the iron throne of which she has so often calmly survived her triumph over drowsy first nights. And Miss Russell on a bicycle is as potent a drawing card as she has been upon the operatic stage.

Like all enthusiasts in cycling, Miss Russell is an early riser. Hoping of taking a lesson before the circle is crowded, she arrives at the academy at about 8:30 o'clock every morning. But she cannot escape observation even at that early hour, for scores of wheelwomen await her appearance and watch her every movement.

Yesterday she took her third lesson, and, mark you, wheel sisters, she does not "wabble."

That characteristic of beginners has not detracted from the altogether graceful carriage of the fair and envied novice.

Mrs. Russell's little girl, Lillian, Jr., better known as "Daughty," took her first lesson yesterday, and enthusiasm was as evident as was her mother's first.

At the end of the lesson, the two girls were

wheeling their bicycles on the sidewalk in front of Mr. Suydam's place, when Mr. Suydam pushed Mr. Poe and his wheel into the guitar room, and then, with a good deal of difficulty, Suydam and Mr. Poe arrested for using abusive language. The Justice read the complaint in which Mr. Suydam said that Mr. Poe called him a "miser" and threatened to "smack him in the snow."

"Did you call Mr. Suydam a miser?" queried the Justice.

"I did not," replied Mr. Poe. "I called him a red-faced kicker, and any one else would have called him the same."

Mr. Suydam arose, and, raising his cane, shouted:

" Didn't you say you would 'smack me in the snow?' " said Mr. Poe. " I ought to have done it."

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**Suydam Showed Poe and His Bicycle, and  
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**BLOOMFIELD, June 19.—The case of Suydam agt. Poe was tried before Justice Post and a jury of six men last night.**

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*BAD CHECKS BY THE DOZEN.*

**A Mission Worker Who Worked Brooklyn  
Shopkeepers to His Ends.**

Saleman Edward Hubbard of 227 Roebling street, Williamsburgh, who, while engaged in religious work in the Bedford mission at 312 Bedford avenue, passed worthless checks, was arraigned in the 1st Precinct Police Court yesterday on charges of larceny of \$100. The new holders of Hubbard's bad checks who wished to appear as complainants against him were all absent. Hubbard was held without bail.

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And, calling around her all of the beginners, she continued: "I want to give you wheelmen some advice, and you can apply it to all your lessons in the academy learning about all things, to sharpen your speed. There are two ways to do this: the first and best is to back pedal, and the second way is to catch your brakes when starting down an incline."

"Which do you prefer?" inquired a girl who was evidently a beginner, but who had been a member of the wheelmen's school since the first day.

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"Which do you consider the best way of checking motion?" asked two or three in chorus.

"One back pedal, by all means. It is much more rapid and effective, and no woman should dare to venture on the road without an instruction like the one you understand back pedaling."

"Do you see the old woman, the middle-aged woman, with the two young ladies who have just taken their seats near the door?" interrupted a blushing girl.

"Yes; what of them?" quizzed an inquisitive girl.

She represent three generations of bicycle cranks. "Those are the grandmothers of 60 years ago, the mothers, and the girls 18 and 20 years old, the girls, the mother, she is too puffed up for anything." She said that she and her sister asked to go to an academy to learn how to back pedal. "The mother was so anxious about it, and she was sent to five years' hard labor at Sing Sing. In the case against his wife sentence was suspended.

**MOUNT VERNON'S FIREBURN CONFESSOR.**

Nathan Goldberg, who on Feb. 10 set fire to his house, 209 South Third avenue, Mount Vernon, was tried yesterday before Judge Mills in the County Court. He was indicted for arson, and when the trial was made he made a clean breast of it, and he was sentenced to five years' hard labor at Sing Sing. In the case against his wife sentence was suspended.

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